

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

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11. (Amended) A method for the remote feed of a number of simultaneous users from one energy source, comprising:
connecting one of the users to the energy source;
supplying an initial feed current limited to a maximum value to the user in the connection phase;
measuring the feed current that is supplied to the user;
limiting the feed current to a standard value, given an error-free user line and after a waiting time; and
successively repeating the method for additional users.

13. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising disconnecting a user that continues to use the maximum value of the feed current after the expiration of the waiting time.

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14. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising allocating the maximum value of feed current after the expiration of the waiting time, wherein a current reserve is available.

15. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising limiting the feed current of the user to the standard value after the waiting time.

16. (Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising periodically checking a faulty network termination unit of a user with the maximum value of the feed current.

Please cancel claims 19-20.